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SUBJ: UK AND ICELANDIC NOTES TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1. COPIES OF UK AND ICELAND LETTERS TO SC PRESIDENT RECEIVED AT USUN THIS DATE. COMPLETE TEXTS SENT TO IO/ UNP; SUMMARIES FOLLOW.

2. UK LETTER DATED 28 MAY RECOUNTS DETAILS OF ICJ DECISION OF 17 AUG 1972 AND ICELAND'S " GRAVEST ... SERIES OF INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS ACTS ... CARRIED OUT IN DISREGARD OF HAZARD TO HUMAN LIFE" AGAINST THE UNARMED " EVERTON" ON 26 MAY. NOTE STATES GOI IGNORED ICJ DECISION AND FOLLOWED " CONSISTENT POLICY OF FORCEFUL ACTION AGAINST BRITISH VESSELS." ALTHOUGH CONVINCED OF RIGHT TO EXTEND PROTECTION IN WATERS CONCERNED, UK " ACTED WITH GREAT RESTRAINT," DEMONSTRATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE
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INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS PENDING FINAL DECISION OF ICJ ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OR OUTCOME OF FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA."

UK STATES NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT REMAINS THEIR AIM AND HOPES
GOI REFRAINS FROM ACTIONS CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW.

" HOWEVER, THE ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER HAS MADE IT PLAIN THAT THE LATEST SERIOUS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POLICY OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT MAY WELL BE REPEATED. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES MY GOVERNMENT DEEM IT RIGHT TO BRING THE SITUATION TO YOUR EXCELLENCY' S ATTENTION AND TO THAT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL."

3. ICELANDIC NOTE DATED 29 MAY SIGNED BY CHARGE SCHRAM CITES THREE UK NAVAL VESSELS " AGGRESSION" INTO FISHERIES JURISDICTION ZONE OF ICELAND TO AID UK TRAWLERS FISHING IN VIOLATION OF ICELANDIC LAW. UK NAVAL VESSELS " HAVE BEEN AIDED ... BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS AS WELL AS FIVE OTHER GOVERNMENT VESSELS." GOI VIEWS THIS AS " HOSTILE ACT," " CLEAR INFRINGEMENT OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF ICELAND." IN VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER. BY USING FORCE UK COERCES IN VIOLATION OF GA RESES 1803 (XVII), 2625 (XXV), AND 3016 (XXVII). " GROUNDS FOR ACTION BY UN SECURITY COUNCIL HAVE THUS BEEN ESTABLISHED." NOTE THEN CITES ICELAND DEPENDENCE ON FISHERIES, RATIONALE FOR EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION, AND EXAMPLE OF THIRTY-TWO OTHER STATES. AGREEMENT BETWEEN UK AND ICELAND OF 1961 DECLARED NO LONGER APPLICABLE BY ICELANDIC PARLIAMENT IN 1972 AND THEREFORE GOI NO LONGER BOUND BY RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS.

4. LETTER STATES " NEGOTIATIONS WERE WELL ADVANCED." REGARDING UK FISHING CONCESSIONS WHEN UK SENT IN WARSHIPS AND GOI DEPLORES " RECOURSE TO ARMED INTERVENTION" INSTEAD OF " PURSUING THE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS SETTling THE MATTER BY PEACEFUL MEANS." GOI " HAS ALWAYS BEEN AND REMAINS WILLING TO REACH A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THIS MATTER THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH UK ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL." " FINALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO BRING, AT A LATER STAGE, THE ARMED AGGRESSION BY BRITISH WARSHIPS IN ICELANDIC WATERS FORMALLY BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL, WITH A VIEW TO APPROPRIATE ACTION BY THE COUNCIL IN THE MATTER." SCALI

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